

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the description for Figure 2 on page 5, lines 10-12, and replace it with the following description:

Fig. 2 shows complete nucleotide of *Bacillus subtilis* gene **(SEQ ID NO: 1)** encoding conjugated bile acid hydrolase inserted between sites of restriction enzymes Bam H I and Nde I of cloning/expression region (1), in Fig. 1.